

They are the best men and women in the world. God Himself has promised to be with us. The prophets walked with God, and so may we.

The ways of the Lord are right. A wise man will not choose the easiest way, but the right way. Many do choose the easy way. They are anxious to escape hardship and trouble, and think of little else. Many turn from the way of the Lord because it is a way of self-denial and burdens. They despise the crosses and afflictions and losses which accompany righteousness. They do not consider it a pleasant but a disagreeable and hard way. But he has not learned the highest lesson of life who does not know how to take pleasure in losses, in infirmities, and afflictions, and to glory in tribulations also. Some choose the way which promises to conduct them to the highest honors. They care for little. A great American statesman once said, "I had rather be right than be President." Not every statesman is able to say that truthfully. But one who cannot honestly say it does not know the pleasure of righteousness. With all its crosses, hardships, and afflictions, the right way is a way of infinite pleasantness to a right mind.

The way of the Lord is pleasant because it tends upward. The joy of rising is a rich experience. Physical elevation is intensely exhilarating. The journey to the summit of a lofty mountain may be attended with toil and weariness, and even peril, but the reward is ample. As one leaves the low valley and ascends toward the clouds new and grand views burst upon his vision. The field of his vision is enlarged. Hills and valleys, villages and farms, forests and field, lakes and rivers, are spread out like a map at his feet. Mountain peaks which could not be seen from the narrow valley break upon his view. As he rises higher the air is purer, the sky is brighter, the world is more beautiful, and his mind expands with the expanding range of his vision.

One may rise in different ways. There is a social elevation which some covet. Intellectual elevation is inspiring to many. Others will give all the have for temporary elevation to a prominent official position. Multitudes are seeking to rise in the world. But best of all is the experience of rising in the knowledge and favor of God. The first step in religion is a long step into a higher life. Every succeeding step carries the soul nearer to God, nearer to the summit of the mountain of the Lord. The way of the Lord never tends downward, but ever upward. Higher in knowledge, higher in aspiration, higher in purpose, higher in thought, and higher in love rises the soul that follows Christ. As he rises the range of his vision is enlarged. New beauty and grandeur of the kingdom of God burst upon his view. The atmosphere is purer, the sky is brighter, the clouds are under his feet.

This way is pleasant because it ends well. The end of the way is the chief consideration. What does it signify to walk in a path

carpeted with velvet, bordered with roses, and cheered with music and gay companions if those who travel therein are on the way to a dismal dungeon or the scaffold? If, however, one is going to a throne and a crown, it matters not how rough and steep the way. It is this that commends the ways of the Lord. They end well. We have seen the Christians approaching the end of the way. His experience is delightful. He has no fear of death. He dreads not the future. He is going home. One thing he knows—he has a house not made with hand, eternal in the heavens. He does not sigh, but sing, and this is the burden of his song:

"Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone,  
He whom I fix my hopes upon;  
His track I see, and I'll pursue  
The narrow way, till him I view.

"The way the holy prophets went,  
The road that leads from banishment,  
The King's highway of holiness,  
I'll go, for all his paths are peace."

—Christian Advocate.

#### In The Wrong Place

Selected.

We have located our troubles in the wrong place. We have thought that our unrest was due to poverty, to lack of culture, to the obscurity of our sphere, and to our inability to tap pleasure's fountain at our will. But this analysis of life's misery is fallacious. We have drawn our indictment against an unoffending combination. If a man had a good conscience and perfect faith in God's providence, the evils enumerated above would be divested of every semblance of harm. The truth is, a comparative poverty is positively conducive to the spiritual life. Christ taught that affluence is a positive bar to the kingdom of God, and such an insuperable obstacle that nothing but a special dispensation of divine grace could remove it.

### The Mission Field

#### Annual Report of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church year ending July 31, 1900

Total receipts as reported	\$2091 43
Obligations	
Balance due Eld. J. O. Talley, Aug. 1, 1899	164 83
" " W. W. Lyon "	38 70
Allowance for Chicago Mission	1200 00
" Washington "	900 00
" Dayton "	35 00
Railroad fare to J. O. Talley	12 64
	\$2351 17
Paid to Eld. J. O. Talley	\$1171 65
" W. W. Lyon	870 62
" Z H Copp	35 00
" Railroad fare	12 64

\$2089 91

Present obligations of the Board \$261 26

Of the above amount \$193 26 is due to J. O. Talley and \$68.08 is due to W. W. Lyon.

Of the above amount \$297 06 was paid by the Washington D. C. church just about \$25 00 per month.

JACOB C CASSEL,

Sec. M. B. of the B. C.

Amount in foreign fund Aug. 1, 1900 \$385 63

#### To the Friends of Missions

I have given you a long rest now and would like to continue to do so, but I am getting no money and our missionaries are writing me so urgently that I would be moved to draw on my own bank account for considerable amounts if I had any surplus in the bank, but unfortunately I have not, and then it would not be right for me to do so if I could, because I would rob the rest of you of the joy and glory of giving your substance to the Master. The Lord no doubt delights in words of praise when spoken from the heart but methinks that praise in action and gifts delights Him very much more. In fact He says so. He says "Behold I come quickly and my reward is with me to give to every man according as his work shall be."

Since National Conference scarcely any of you have made any remittances as you well know, the result is that our brethren in charge of the missions are in straits, and will be compelled to go out into the field and beg unless you speedily come to their rescue. You have done so well these four years that I am not alarmed but feel it my duty to state the true condition of things. Let there be a prompt and liberal response.

JACOB C. CASSEL.

Sec. M. B. of the B. C.

#### Johnstown, Pa.

The Home Mission Board of Pa. met at Brethren church on Somerset St. on Friday, Oct. 5, at 6 P. M. and reorganized as follows: Moderator, Danl. Crofford; secretary, R. Z. Replogle; treasurer, Albert Trent.

We are ready for business and contributions to carry on the business of the Board. We urge the precaution up our brethren everywhere not to wait six months or more before putting money in the treasury. We have mission points that must be served or die. We have men at our service to use if the money is contributed. May we not hope that you will make this the biggest year in contributions in the history of the church and by God's help we will make it the biggest in permanent results. I will promise you a monthly report of funds if I receive contributions each month. Who will be the first.

R. Z. REPLOGLE.

P. S. Send all contributions to the above address. Postage or postal card for private receipts if wanted, otherwise a public acknowledgement in B. E. is what you will get.

#### From the National Capital

Our love feast on last Sunday evening was the best we have ever had here; at any rate many have expressed themselves in that way since the meeting, and I was impressed in that way myself. We believe that very favorable impressions were made on the minds and hearts of many who witnessed the celebration of these sacred ordinances.

When these holy symbols are properly observed why should they not cause men and women to be deeply impressed?

We should rejoice for the privilege of reproducing the solemn scenes that occurred